**“The Crucible”: *Act Two: Questions***

Directions: Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper as you read Act Two.

1. How much time has elapsed between Acts One and Two?

2. What has happened in this time period? What role does Abigail play in the proceedings?

3. Describe the relationship between John and Elizabeth.

4. Why does John hesitate in exposing Abigail as a fraud?

5. Upon returning from town, Mary Warren is visibly upset. What, in the day’s events, may have caused such distress in Mary?

6. What does Mary give to Elizabeth? Why?

7. Why does the court decide to hang Goody Osburn but not Sarah Good?

8. On what evidence does the court convict Goody Osburn?

9. Describe Mary’s reaction when Proctor forbids her to return to court. What news does she share?

10. Who accused Elizabeth of witchcraft?

11. What does Abigail stand to gain if Elizabeth is found guilty of witchcraft?

12. Why does Reverend Hale visit the Proctor household?

13. What “softness” does Reverend Hale find in the church records regarding the Proctors? What explanation does John give?

14. When asked to recite the commandments, John remembers all but one. What is the significance of the forgotten commandment?

15. What are John and Elizabeth’s feelings on the existence of witches? How does Reverend Hale react to this?

16. Why do Giles Corey and Francis Nurse arrive at the Proctor house?

17. What charge has been brought against Rebecca Nurse?

18. On what charge is Martha Corey arrested?

19. Who is Ezekiel Cheever? For what reason does he arrive at the Proctor household?

20. Why is the presence of a poppet in the Proctor house an important piece of “evidence”?

21. Who watched Mary sew the poppet? What does this reveal?

22. Describe Reverend Hale’s reaction to the evening’s arrests.

23. Why doesn’t Mary willingly go to court and tell what she knows?

24. Does Mary know about the affair between Proctor and Abigail? How do we know?

25. How does Proctor plan to bring Elizabeth home? Does he think this will be easy? Explain your inference.